

After thirty-eight years of service, Mr. Weldon retired from Star Enterprises in 1993, having also retired as regional chair of the Republican Committee in Delaware in 1978.

Dick and his wife Fay continue to be active members in their community, particularly within their church. The joy of their four children and nine grandchildren will undoubtedly keep their days full.

Richard Weldon defined his career working for clean and practical energy solutions, earning a reputation for promoting conservation while protecting resources. Upon his retirement he leaves a legacy of commitment to public service for both his children and grandchildren and the generations that will follow.●

TRIBUTE TO BEVERLY LAFFERTY

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Beverly Lafferty of Rapid City, SD. On March 1, 2002, Bev retired from Child Protection Services after 34 years of dedication to the children and families in my home State of South Dakota.

Bev began her career as a child protection social worker in Rapid City on July 1, 1968. Her gentle nature and caring heart have helped many families in South Dakota through the adoption process. As a founding member of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption, I have had the honor of nominating Bev for the coalition's annual Angels in Adoption awards. Bev is an example to our entire Nation of the joys associated with adoption, and I commend her work, especially her devotion to Native American children and families.

Adoptive parents, judges, social workers, and others involved with the adoption process truly are angels who do not gain the recognition they deserve on a day to day basis. Bev's recognition as an "Angel in Adoption" in 2001 was one way for me to help recognize the important contributions Bev makes to the lives of children and to our communities.

As a parent, I know the challenges and joys of raising a family, and that is why I have made it one of my priorities in Congress to make adoptions easier for families. Bev's work in Rapid City has made the adoption process easier for children and families in that community. Although I know that she will be missed, her impact in the adoption community will be felt for many years to come. I wish her all the best as she moves on to enjoy the next phase of her life.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages

from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the Secretary of the Senate, on March 4, 2002, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1206. An act to reauthorize the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the enrolled bill was signed today, March 4, 2002, by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, were signed on February 28, 2002, by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD):

H.R. 1892. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the acceptance of an affidavit of support from another eligible sponsor if the original sponsor has died and the Attorney General has determined for humanitarian reasons that the original sponsor's classification petition should not be revoked.

H.R. 3699. An act to revise certain grants for continuum of care assistance for homeless individual and families.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, March 4, 2002, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1206. An act to reauthorize the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-5598. A communication from the Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Analysis and Proposed Copyright Fee Schedule to Go into Effect July 1, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5599. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Superfund Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5600. A communication from the Attorney for the Research and Special Programs

Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Revisions to the list of Hazardous Substances and Reportable Quantities" (RIN2137-AD65) received on February 28, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5601. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (20); Amdt. No. 2088" ((RIN2120-AA65) (2002-0012)) received on February 28, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5602. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Pilatus Britten-Norman Ltd., BN-2, 2A, 2B, 2T, 2T4, and 2A MK. II Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (2002-0129)) received on February 28, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5603. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: BAE Systems Limited Model BAe 146 Series Airplanes and AVRO 146 RJ Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (2002-0127)) received on February 28, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5604. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (46); Amdt. No. 2090" ((RIN2120-AA65) (2002-0013)) received on February 28, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5605. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Raytheon Aircraft Company Models 65-90, 65-A90-1, 65-A90-4, B90, C90, C90A, E90, and H90 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (2002-0128)) received on February 28, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5606. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (70); Amdt. No. 2092" ((RIN2120-AA65) (2002-0015)) received on February 28, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5607. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Split-Dollar Life Insurance Arrangements" (Notice 2002-8, 2002-4) received on March 1, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5608. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "EGTRRA Changes to Prototype SEPs, SIMPLEs and IRAs" (Rev. Proc. 2002-10) received on March 1, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5609. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule